

MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: The Low Saddle Timber Sale #30-074954 and attached Forest Practice Application No. 2409640; a one unit proposal comprised of 71 acres of even-aged regeneration harvest and totaling approximately 1,262 MBF with 7,013 feet of required pre-haul maintenance and 2,082 feet of optional construction.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owls - this proposal is neither within a designated Nesting, Roosting, Foraging (NRF) or Dispersal Management Area, nor within any known northern spotted owl circles, PR 14-004-120,

Marbled Murrelet - this proposal is within the Straits Planning Unit, which has a Marbled Murrelet Reclassified Habitat Model. The proposal is not within any reclassified marbled murrelet habitat. The sale consists of second growth timber that does not have habitat characteristics for the marbled murrelet, PR 14-004-320,

RMZ and Wetland – all streams and wetlands adjacent to the sale meet or exceed HCP required buffers; one Type 1 stream (the Lilliwaup Creek) is buffered an average of 200 feet, the Type 2 stream (Kvale creek) is buffered 170 feet, an incised Type 5 stream is buffered 25 feet, the Type 5 stream within the sale unit will be protected by an equipment limitation zone, and the Type A wetland is buffered 170 feet, PR 14-004-210,

Slope Stability – an incised Type 5 stream channel in the south portion of the unit was bounded out to avoid slope instability. The boundary along the Type 1 riparian zone was located above slope breaks to reduce the potential for sediment delivery and erosion.

Landings will be constructed in stable areas and away from steep slopes, PR 14-004-050,

Retention Trees – green and wildlife recruitment leave trees were evenly distributed throughout the sale. All residual old growth were marked as leave trees, PR 14-004-210,

Roads - Construction is restricted from September 30 to May 1 and hauling of forest products is restricted from October 31 to May 1 to reduce damage to roads and avoid wet season operations;

For specifics on all mitigation measures consult the SEPA document for this proposal.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The proposal is located in parts of Sections 14 and 23 of Township 23 North, Range 4 West, W.M. The haul route is in Sections 14, 15, 20 and 22 of Township 23 North, Range 4 West, W.M., approximately 11 miles by road north of the town of Hoodspport. See the attached Forest Practices Application. The Saddle rock pit may be used for this sale in Section 14 of Township 23 North, Range 4 West, W.M.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ **There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.**

☒ **This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from February 24, 2004. Comments must be submitted by March 9, 2004.**

Responsible official: Art Tasker

Position/title: Acting South Puget Sound Region Manager **Phone:** (360) 825-1631

Address: 950 Farman Ave. N, Enumclaw, WA 98022

Date _____

Signature _____